

全国高校野球選手権大会

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Chapter 169: The Night of Best 8









MY DREAM IS
TO WIN AGAINST
SAIBAKU AND
GO TO THE
KOSHEN!!

WE WANT TO
WIN TWO
GAMES AND
FACE
SAIBAKU IN
THE FINAL BY
ALL MEANS!



Got Wingle
Army cornered
before that.

I understand
their feelings at
wanting to pay
us back for the
called game
during the block
premieres in
the spring...

THAT
CERTAINLY
IS A DREAM!
AND IT WILL
END AS
NOTHING
BUT A DREAM!

カッ
カッ



Virgin Mary's pitchers
are a real threat. With
Akashi added to Iiyoga,
Amakusa and Nishida,
they've completely
recovered, and there's no
vulnerability to them.

Bu-Trade isn't
on the same
level as Virgin
Mary at all.

カッ
カッ



Which means that Sogaku's path to the Koshien will also remain sealed, unless we defeat that bunch of pitchers...



There's no doubt it'll be Virgin Mary rising up to the final in that block.



Speaking of which, both Katagawa and Horikawa are here.



I'M SURE HE'S ALREADY THOUGHT UP A STRATEGY AGAINST VIRGIN MARY!!

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HATOSAWA !!

You're totally a Katagawa worshipping now.



They're probably busy investigating our opponents for the next match...



IT'S FINALLY THE
QUARTERFINAL.
LET'S LOOK
FORWARD TO
THE NEXT GAME TO
FIND OUT
WHAT KIND OF
A FIGHT THEY
WILL PUT UP!

A SPLENDID
VICTORY,
OVERCOMING
EVEN
THE ACCIDENT
IN WHICH
THE CATCHER
YASHIO-KUN
WAS INJURED!!



WHAT?



What?



I wonder
if this lady
would
come to
interview
us...



Ah,
"Final" has
a ring to
it, like a
dress...



If we've been
practicing even
above that, it's
to rise up even
further...



It's like
you're
taking in
your shirt

If you make
sure you
properly do
what you can
do, you can
get in the
best 10.

Ah, so I was
saying best 8
is like a
dress...



I- I
see.

The real
fight
starts
now.

Yeah... The
ones that
remained in
the best 8 all
look strong—
We're facing
tough battles
ahead.

THESE ARE
THE
MATCHUPS
FOR THE
QUARTER-
FINALS.

Best 8 Matchups

Steel Dr. Arm- tors	Evolution	Man- chips Fight Club Affiliates	Bel- mont Academy	Arm- your	Green Heart	Redden Tide	High Way Academy
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Even among the
strongest 8, there are
those who get lucky, or
they just got in the
groove and performed
above their real level.
Various things are
possible.

I wonder
about
CHAS.







IN THE
NEXT
GAME AS
WELL, WE
WILL HIT,
HIT, AND
HIT SOME
MORE!!

WE WON'T
LOSE TO
ANY TEAM
IN
BATTING!!



WBC Uni is
the team
that
competed
with United
Fire as the
top batter
team.



That's
not what
sublime

THEY
SCORED
OVER
70
RUNS IN
FOUR
GAMES
!?

In the first round,
they were 25-9, in
the second 17-8. In
the third, 13-3, all of
them called in the 5th
inning. Today as well,
their match was called
in the 7th with 21-9.



Why?









It note: Tanshi is a common name for a cat











Even I
have done
thorough
research.



But
if they lose
before
then...



Is there
a guarantee
that they'll
win? What do
we do if they
can't win?



Didn't
Saigaku lose
to them
back in the
spring?

Even if they
win the next
one, they
have to face
Toowakon
afterward?



A- Anyway,
just trust
me for
now...





Don't tell him,
the info on
Katogaya-san is that...

Please don't
tell anyone
even if they
ask. My life
depends
on it.



I've
started taking
Warabi-san
taking business
his activities
are suspicious...



We would tell
what we talked about
back then? So
Warabi-san would
betray Katogaya-san?/
If he does that...



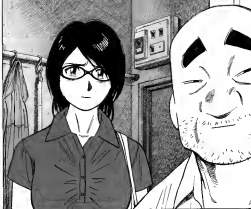
This is bad.
I have to let
Misato-san
know!







Chapter 170: Natsuko's Moment of Crisis







Uh, well,
some-
thing like
that...



So? Oh,
work...
I guess?



Are they
friends?
Or someone
from
work...?



Uh, well,
this is...

That wound
position, is that
because you
were asked to
report on a
martial arts
MIGHT?
But wait, never
does anything
get resolved.



Thank you
for always
taking care
of him.



For heaven's
sake, if you got a
chick coming
over, stay
so.



It-It...







Warabi
-san...

Since you
heard, I
can't just
let you
leave.



MY KINGS



As you
told me, I
photographed
everyone
I saw.



There are
certainly
plenty of
it-sred Fellows
there...





Moreover,
if the ones the Board
are trying to sell as
OPP to are not a school
corporation, if their
aim is to resell
the land on the
building...



If there is
a sale, there is an
inspection. And then
the ones who come
for an inspection
are not necessarily
the parties
concerned



Is there
really a person
who would buy
Saiyaku among
them?



Even though we
came so close we
can almost touch
the Koshien if we
just stretch our
hand out...



If they really
sell to someone
like that, the
baseball club
will be over
as well...



If it comes to that,
how are we going
to explain it to
the baseball club
members who did
their best believing
the baseball club
would be preserved
if only they would go
to the Koshien?!



Are you
going to ask
the Board
not to sell
to anyone
like that?!



I just want
to keep my
promise.



You
really did
change.



One year ago
you were the
one insisting on
the destruction
of the baseball
club more than
anyone,
Mikoto-san...





For the sake of
those people's dream
as well, we have to
prevent these guys
who look like crooks
from buying
Saigaku...



SFX Torii



Yes. This is
Management
Izumi Office,
Akemi
speaking.



ADAI
Katsuo-
Kooof









Scouting, hit and runs, squeeze plays... There's no meaning to a strategy when you can do anything you want.



*The Fact that
Akashi was able
to pitch for
five innings
in preparation
for the final...*



**STRIKE,
BATTER
OUT!!
GAME
SET!!**





That Fatty wanted to play against us. Too bad for him.

Well, given that Fatty's team, he didn't have to throw too many pitches.

Just calling another coach Fatty...



So it was planned to come up his pitching in preparation for the Final...



Since the spirit of the tournament, he hasn't given up more than 10 safe hits. No matter who the opponent is, there's nothing to worry about.

What are you talking about, isn't our lineup in perfect shape too...?



But this means that Akashi is in perfect shape. If their betting lineup is satisfactory as well, then Akashi had to be the favorite in this tournament...



Well, maybe so...

RIGHT, HATO-GUMI?!







TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Musouji	2	0	1								3	7	1
Saigaku	1	0									1	2	0

Chapter 171: The Quarterfinal



Seven hits
and three runs
given up right
from the start.
What's more,
the bases are
still loaded...



Is Stormy!



NOT USING
NAO-CHAN
IS CLEARLY
COACH
HATOGAWA'S
FAILURE OF
LEADERSHIP!



It's be-
cause that
greenhorn
beanballer
is the
starting
pitcher...

In the worst
case, they'll
give up a large
number of runs
and the game
will be decided
right there!



IT'S
ONLY
TWO
MORE
RUNS!!

The coach
said it's okay
until five
runs...



CHANGE
THE
PITCHER!!



What do
you think
you're
doing?



At this rate, not only won't we get the lead, we won't even catch up to them at all!



That hurted, that hurted.

We got it. We got it. Please leave it to me.

"You're a damn idiot!" "You're only good for one run!"

I hope you're not forgetting it'll be my turn once we have even a one run lead!



Y-yes...

Let's keep it up with more confidence.



It's strange. You're pitching just like I ask you to.



That's right. We're able to do what the coach told us. No worries.



I told
you, don't
worry.

What's up
with that,
what is your
confidence
based on?

Are we
really okay?
Letting some
continue
pitching?



This is
starting
to piss
me off.

Obviously,
on data,
Manager.



There is
one answer
that reads
as to

Once you look at
the data from
past matches,
it's clear they're
not a team to use
any tricks.

They've been
hollering about
how they have
absolute
confidence
in their batting
while doing
strength training
on TV.



They're all
hitting
Pools.

Hitting
Pools and
autobus
Pools...

And that's
why you
sent Steve
out?

I told you, didn't
I? If we take a
Maron opponent
head on, we'll be
the Morons.



What we
want him to
swing at is
No. 2 (pretend
two-striker)
and No. 3
(super slow
ball).

No. 1
(Pitcher)
will never
score
a strike...



Steve is
pitching
exactly like
the coach
wanted him
to.

As evidence of that,
all his have been
grounders. Because
they keep missing
with the bat's core,
there haven't been
any long hits.



The Modesty
guys have
nothing but
hitting a big
one in their
heads.



That's why
you need to
be confident.
Your pitches
are working
splendidly.



They would
really hate
sluggish safe
hits to the infield
or bloopers
with the tip of
the bat, maddy
batted balls
like that.



super
slow
ball.

Big
League
ball to
a...



But once they actually get in the batter's box, they find that they can't make their ideal swing.



Yeah, but they don't scored three runs off us...

and that's all they've been getting.

The one just now was a strike as well, with a full swing and the legs opening too early.



FOUL!



What do you think is the purpose behind our batting order today?

Ah, excuse me.

We can't help being to think in terms of power.



It's the order designed to stress hitting so we can catch up to them, while they dawdle at order five runs.

And once we're in the lead by at least one run—



When I heard you wanted Steve to go out first against the batting powerhouse Musashi, I was worried if we had any chances of winning...



WHEN THEY GET USED TO STEVE'S SWAYING PITCHES, IF THEY HAVE TO FACE HIDAKA'S FASTBALLS, THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HIT!!

THIS IS PERFECT!!





Got, if possible,
we don't want
Riddake-san to
pitch, right?



Got now
I feel
assured.

It's not
that
impossible,
though.



In that case,
we need to let
Riddake-san
rest. Even if
the opponent
is the second
seed, we have
no alternative.



If we win today,
we have to face
Tsunerikun, and then
Virgin Mary in the
final. That would
really be impossible
with Stewell!



Indeed,
it is exactly
like that...
I know it,
she's quite
sharp.

She saw
through
our weak-
ness.

It would
suck for
the rest
who'd date
her.





In that
case, a
fastball
away...

He opened up
his body for
No. 3, so he'll
give the swing
on the next
slow pitch...



Ah...
It's
high!!





*I knew it, if
the course
is easy,
they'll hit
big!*

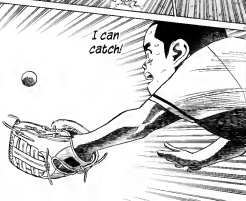


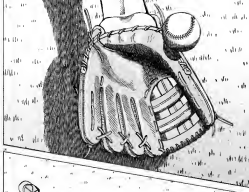
*Fourth run,
but
no helping it...
Starting
with the next
one—*



*Even though we
were told that
it's okay within five
runs, obviously
the smaller that
score difference
is, the better!*

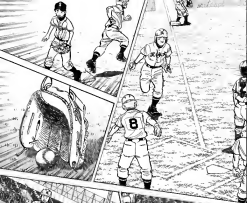


















*If you make it
so this didn't
happen... I'll
bear anything
in exchange!
Even...*

*Oh Lord...
I beg you.
If you...*

*I'll even
remain
a virgin
for the
rest of
my life!!*



Chapter 172: For Now, One Run!

THREE
OUTS!!
CHANGE
!!

TEAM

1 2 3

3

武体大

2

0

5

Musashi

サガク

1

0

Saigaku









If you force yourself to make up for something, you'll only pile up more mistakes.

Ikeda is right.



I said from the start that it's okay to go on until 5 runs, didn't I?



But we have a 6 run difference now... Do we have any chance of winning...?



Everyone, drill that into your heads when you play!

That means this match isn't a game where you force yourself to fight it out over every single run!





We're against a team that gives up seven runs per game on average.



Look, they have a pitcher that can't even make it into such a wide strike zone. We're fine.

BALL FOUR!



IT'S A
BATTER
SHOW-
DOWN
—!!



LET'S
GO,
LET'S
GO!!



LET
THEM
HIT—!



IMATSUKI!!
IF YOU
FEEL ANY
RESPONSIB-
ILITY, GET
SOME RUNS
BACK WITH
YOUR OWN
HANDS!!



BATTING
NINTH,
CENTER,
IMATSUKI-
KUN.





For example,
if you were in debt for
one million yen, and in
order to repay all that
at once, you decided to
gamble... Most likely
you'd lose and end up in
a lot more trouble.



What's that
all of a sudden?
You're
growing
all out.

Uh, well,
it's
nothing
really...



I'm so
sorry.



The normal way
of repaying
your debt is to
return it little
by little every day.



I'm so
sorry.

THIS IS ALL
POSSING ME
OFF! WHEN
IT'S NOT YOU,
THEN IT'S
HOW THE
GAME IS
DEVELOPING!



Don't get greedy, take the run you know you can take for sure.

It's the same in baseball.



What are you, *tsukikura* again?!

Scouting with little things, slow and steady.



Besides, there's no interest on this debt.

As long as we don't borrow anymore, we can definitely repay it in full.

A 6 run deficit in the opening of the game... What a tough development...





ANYWAY,
THERE'S
NO CHOICE
BUT LET—
LET IT
FLY—!!



HIT A
HOME
RUN,
NAG-
CHIAAN
!!



*This guy
hit a third
base liner
in his last
at bat.*









But,
one-out and
runners on
the corners!

How is our
opponent
going to
respond?



Look
at that
Neo-chan.
He actually
can burn.

Geez,
he does
whatever
he feels
like.



Good! With
this, Ooi can
hit easily
as well.



They're in
a position
for
double
play..









They still have
a five run lead,
so they don't
feel pressured.
Are we going to
be okay?



The fact that
they're not
taking the back
home position
means that
they've resigned
to giving up one
run.

We did
manage to get
one run... But
they don't
seem to mind
at all.



It's still
the third
inning.



Scare
tall, go
slow and
steady.

What are
you, Kibot?



It's very
important
that we got
a run here.
And it wasn't
even a clean
hit.

Chapter 173: Do Your Best, Steve!







It was you
who loaded
the bases
before it.



Da?

Da?



Well,
I too am
wishing
that
didn't
happen,
but...



In the 3rd inning,
after you let the
lead-off batter
hit, you turned
the situation
critical by giving
up two bases on
balls, right?

With normal pitching,
an inside the park
home run would never
result in four runs,
would it?



SFX:
Hit bag
Hit bag
Hit bag







No. 1...
A Baseball
away...



Good. He
won't swing
at a slow
pitch.

STRIKE!



I knew it. Given
their lead, he just
wants to bat the
way he likes.











And then
let them
hit a
Fastball,
right?



Is that
what's
going
on?



Yashio is
actually driving
them that way.
Knowing what
they're after, we
can easily corner
them with
breaking balls.



Once they're cornered,
they won't be able to
ignore even a breaking
ball. And if they get
a Fastball at that
point...





Over-exert!



They'll think
"Name it is!",
swing, and
invariably...

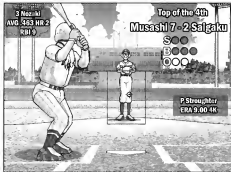






They all
reflect the
same.

Amazing.
They're like
batters from
"Hustle pro
baseball".







That's a cleanup
batter for you. He's
making sure to wait
for the right pitch...
He's not fishing for
one attempts to get
him to swing at a
breaking ball.



But, if he's
so dead set
on fishing
just the right
pitch...







Chapter 174: Why Can't Strong Batters Hit Slow Pitches?

YUU AA
GUREITO!!
EKUSERENTO
!!

*Isn't he saying
something?*

THANK YOU!!
IT WAS ALL
THANKS TO
EVERYONE'S
SUPPORT!!

STEVE!!
NICE
PITCHING!!









Just because of that, muscle Pools bodding of their strong batting can't hit slow and weak pitches from a weak-spirited, uselessly tall arise otaku? I've never heard of that!

What about it?

I'll start with the conclusion: it's because they're a hitting team.



Then, who are strong batters?



A team that's full of strong batters?



So, what kind of a team is a hitting team?

Musashi has scored 73 runs in Pool games, 80 runs counting this one. They are truly a collection of strong batters.





BOOF
GONG,
TACKLE!
THAT'S
WHY
YOU'RE
THE
CLEANUP!

OH
THAT'S
A FAST
BAT-
TER
BALLY!



RIGHT
THERE,
THIS IS
TRULY A
STRONG
BATTER!









THAT'S
WHAT
I'M
ASKING!



So why then,
after all that
full strength
batting prac-
tice, can't they
hit Steve's same
pitches?



Not with
that pitcher,
I can't send
it over
the fence
either...

What I can't
afford now is
a double play.
Then
a strikeout.
A fly ball
wouldn't do.



To take the
argument to the
extreme, to a
better, fixing is
everything.
Watch.

Watch
what?



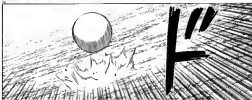
No, I can't
get greedy.
Doing
unreasonable
is forbidden.





And

3







They likely do.
They do it, but
they're making
a mistake.



It's
your first
movement
that
matches the
pitcher's
motion.

Simply
counting
isn't enough
in order to
judge the
swing.



How do you
make a
mistake in
counting "1, 2
and 3"?

Are you
saying it's
because they
have trouble
for some?
Isn't that
going too far?



And yet,
and it's just
my suspicion,
those guys
are delaying 1
in order to hit
Steve's slow
pitches.



3 is when
you start to
swing the bat.
You can't really
move these
two.

It's impossible
to delay
your first
movement
or to adjust it
after the
bat's swing
starts by that
slight margin.

The difference in
the time it takes
the ball to get to
the batter between
a 150 km and
a 90 km pitch
is actually
0.2 seconds.

But what's
the problem
with delaying
the count of
1.6? You know
a slow pitch
is coming?

That is, the
timing's
true
nature
is...

So then, where can
you adjust...? The
short interval
between when
the pitcher starts
his motion and when
the ball starts
the swing is
the time the batter
is free to use.



That's right.

No other option.



2



The interval
of "2 and" is
when you match
the timing with
the pitch.



And in order
to teach
the knack
of adjusting
the timing
in that
interval—

In.

Musashi have tried to maximize their hitting power by using the machine. It works very well to learn the proper form for hitting fast pitches, but...

カキーン

I see, so all that "2... and", "2... and" was training in order to learn to adjust the interval for the hit.



Wahh...
surprised

On top of that, if you watch live training day after day, your body will learn only that one type, you will only move in sync with the machine.

The machine always pitches at the same rhythm.

There is a big pitfall in that.



Because they haven't learned this "2 and", they're forced to delay their "1, 2, 3", and so they can't hit.

In other words, you won't learn to adapt to the circumstances...



What's more, after scoring many runs at the start of the game, those guys started batting in their own style. And that's the "1, 2, 3" rhythm they mastered using the machine.



However, much they've practiced hitting a 150 km pitch, after getting to the quarterfinal, they didn't expect to run into the main pitcher throwing at around the 100 km level. I sent Steve out precisely because I thought they're overemphasized machine batting.





In a sense,
you're
amazing.
Have some
confidence.



Short-
sentsai...



Did you hear?
A spindly pitcher
like you is
someone
they didn't see
coming.

Quit
hesitating
at the time.





TEAM	1	2	3	4
Musashi	2	0	5	0
Salgaku	1	0	1	1

YEAH!
NOW IT'S
ONLY
A 4 RUN
DIFFER-
ENCE!



I'LL DO
MY BEST
TOO!

YASHIO-
SAN,
NICE
BATTING
!!



It was
a little
tense.

Nice
batting,
Yashio.



YES!



PITCH TO
THE VERY
END!

WE'LL
SAID
STEVE!



TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Musashi	2	0	5	0	0						7	11	2
Saigaku	1	0	1	1							3	5	1

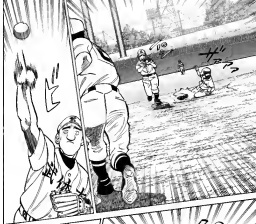
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Chapter 175: A Setback in the Repayment Plan!?











THERE'S
NO POINT
IN CRYING
OVER RUNS
YOU
COULDN'T
TAKE!!



SWITCH
YOUR
FEELINGS
OVER
NOW!!



Yes...



RIGHT
!!



What we have
to watch out
for is a head on
collision...

From the
last inning,
he got infield
grounders
from four
batters in a row

ALRIGHT,
TWO
OUTS.
NOT BAP,
STEVE!

It proves
that
the Matsui
guy hasn't
adjusted to
Steve yet.

Maybe that
whole
strategy
holding
infield
grounders.



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... Like that...

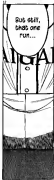




What do I
do? This is
earlier than
expected,
but...







6

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IF WE
LOSE, THE
BASEBALL
CLUB
WILL BE
DEMOLISH-
ED!



NOT JUST
THE THIRD
YEARS!!
THE FIRST AND
THE SECOND
YEARS WON'T
BE ABLE TO
PLAY
BASEBALL
EITHER!!

SPX YES



FIGHT
TO THE
DEATH,
BUT
SCORE
THAT
RUN!!

DON'T
FORGET
THAT!
CONCENT-
RATE!



If they
buckle up over
something
like this, then
we'll really
lose.



If you
tell them
something
like this, it'll
only put
them under
unnecessary
pressure...



BALL
FOUR!

THIS GIVES
US ONE
OUT, RUN-
NERS ON
SECOND
AND THIRD.
KEEP IT
UP—!!

NICE
STEAL,
YASHIO!



Alright,
then
we don't
throw back
home.



Even if
they get
us, we'd
still be
leading by
4 runs.

What do
we do?

They can
squeeze.

Okay,
let's take
the easy
route.

If it
bounces,
throw it
to first.

We can
get a run
back very
quickly
anyway.





Which means they won't begrudge us a run...



Because they're up by five runs. Naturally, what they think is important is getting odd.

They're still not taking a back home position.





You're too naive.
That's just an amateur's thinking.



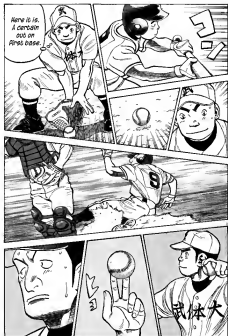
A squeeze?
That will get a certain
man here!



It's a chance...
But can Kusanowa
deliver a strong
attack with certainty
...?







Chapter 176: Just Now, the Ultimate Two Run Squeeze!

Chapter 176: Just Now, the Ultimate Two Run Squeeze!

GO—
YASHIO
!!









THEY
DID
IT—! A
TWO
RUN
SQUE-
EZE!!



It is
splendid.

That's
Coach
Hatogaya's
for you.



NICE
RUN,
YASHIRO
!!

ISHINO
TOO,
NICE
CALL!!



IT'S LIKE
I SAID!!
THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT
HATOGAYA
WOULD USE
A NORMAL
STRATEGY
!!

Even though
you thought
it was just
a routine
play.

It had to be
there, looking at
the infielder
positions. It
went as I
planned.



Aw—
but it's
small,
morn'.

There's
no way
you're
this
small!

SAITAKU

You
relied
it
to a good
spot.

NICE
BUNT,
HASU-
NUMA!!

6

This is
how you do
a squeeze
play!
Normally.

SAITAKU

You say
normally,
but you're
glowing like
you just
scored
them.

A
SURPRISE
ATTACK
AFTER
SURPRISE
ATTACK!

THIS IS
THE TRUE
SKILL OF
SAITAKU!

It—

It isn't
anything
so
grand.



TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R
Morales	2	0	5	0	0	1					8
Sagaku	1	0	1	1	0	2					5

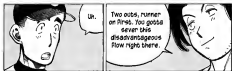


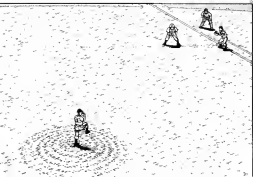






















What are
you getting
scared off? You
got nothing
but that,
so do it!

It can
work,
Kawa-
guchi!



But...



Y- Yeah...

It'll be fine.
If you go
just like you
practiced,
then for
sure!



Chapter 177: Dilemma on the Mound















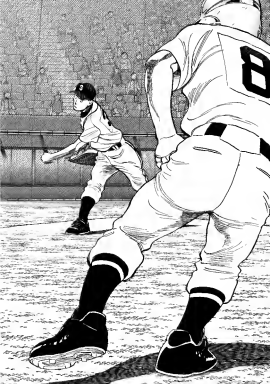




The shortstop went back to his position...



...So he's finally pitching...











No, it wasn't just Oai and Kawaguchi. This play succeeded because everyone carried out their part perfectly...



Then, having realized that the runner had little intention of running to the next base... Kawaguchi used a rosin bag for more delay...

It wasn't to throw a pickoff; it was to measure the runner's condition.

The sequence of moves began with Kawaguchi stepping off the plate.



And Kikumoto started moving about conspicuously to draw the runner's attention to himself.





After
they
got
that
far,

The runner got
frustrated at those
two moves, and
began to
concentrate
even more
single-mindedly
on the pitcher.

But, who by
then had lost
the opponent's
attention,
quickly moved
on top of the
second base.





*And Kawaguchi,
who made them
think he'd pitch
to the batter,
made a quick
turnaround and
threw a pickoff.*



Back when I
played, we'd do
this all the
time!

Yeah
yeah.



Yeah...To
think they'd
become ca-
pable of such
play... I
couldn't imag-
ine it one
year ago....



It's only
natural to be
caught by
this if it's
set up so
elaborately.

They're finally
back to the level
of a baseball
powerhouse.



If possible,
I too would like
to play against
Kobogaya-san
once again...



TEAM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 R H E

Kobogaya 2 0 5 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 8 12 2

Shogun 1 0 1 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 5 6 1

8 9

1

9 1

UMPIRE

10 20 30

TM 3

But you can't
say yet that
the Flow has
completely
turned in
their favor...

They might
be able to
win if they
ride the
Flow...



A difference
of three
runs in the
7th is pretty
big, isn't it?

A three-run
difference
means you
get one
chance.







MAKE IT
HAPPEN,
AS BEFITS
THE LUCKY
7—!!

ALRIGHT,
THE
LEAD-OFF
GOT ON
BASE!!



HIPAKA,
KEEP IT
UP—!!



Chapter 178: Push, Push~~~!!

MUSASHI PE
UNIVERSITY
AFFILIATE
HIGH SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES
A PLAYER
SUBSTITUTION.

SAIGAKU

The wind is
changing
changing
changing!

Pitcher
substitu-
tion---!!

PITCHER
NAGATA-
KUN IS
REPLACED
BY
DOLNISHI-
KUN.



RIGHT FIELDER
MAMO-KUN IS
REPLACED BY
PITCHER
NAGATA-KUN,
WHO WILL PLAY
AS THE RIGHT
FIELDER.



BATTING
EIGHTH,
PITCHER
DOUNISHI-KUN.
BATTING NINTH,
RIGHT FIELDER
NAGATA-KUN.



Things
are getting
better and
better for
us, aren't
they?

Er?



We finally had
a good opportunity
to overtake them,
and they pulled
a substitution
on us...





I see. So they can bring him back quickly if the new guy doesn't work out.



So this means they don't trust the second pitcher.



Nagata bats ninth. It's proof that they don't expect much from his batting.

And yet, the fact they had him remain in the right field...



Moreover, they've created another huge hole.



The right fielder was moving pretty well, that's really a good break for us.

By sending Nagata to the right field, they had a regular player leave.

Another?



*A good
wind has
started
to blow.*







B- But, it's the truth that HSGA operates on tournament profits....

OUTRAGEOUS!
FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN
SACRED HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL, TO REJOICE AT
INCREASED REVENUES DUE
TO BALLPARK ATTENDANCE...

BE
ASHAMED!!



EVEN THEN,
DON'T YOU
THINK THAT
IT'S VULGAR
TO UTTER
SUCH
THINGS
YOURSELF!?

If the profits
don't
increase...
Then high school
baseball
itself will...

NAMIKAWA'S
BEST SUGARU
GAINS BACK
A RUN.
THE SCORE
IS NOW 8
TO 6!!









GOMIYA'S TWO
BASE HIT SENDS
TWO RUNNERS
HOME FOR 8 TO
8!! SAIGAKU HAS
MANAGED TO TIE
THE SCORE—!!



Data...
Should we
turn it
off...?



I just
wondered that
you might not
be too pleased
with the
achievements
of Saigaku
while they're
led by Coach
Kobayashi...

Well...

What are
you worried
about?





They're saying that Virgin Mary and Youweikan have all players from outside the prefecture, that Angel goes too far to give special treatment to scholarship students ...It's the usual thing, but I'm really tired of it.

Bob
It's not just Saigaku.

YOU'VE ALSO SAID
THAT YOU DON'T
FAIL TO CHECK
THE NET SO
YOU KNOW WHAT
TERRIBLE STATE
IT'S IN, DON'T
YOU?

Most
are just
half-serious
pranks.

BUT TO
A TEAM
THAT HAS
ADVANCED THIS
FAR, IT COULD
BE A MORTAL
WOUND!!

THAT'S WHY,
FROM MORNING
UNTIL
THE EVENING,
ALL I DO
IS CHECK
THE VERACITY
AND PUT OUT
REQUESTS
FOR REJECTION!!



I made the call based on my convictions. For me, it was clearly a ball.



If he didn't have that seriousness to begin with, he wouldn't rise to best 8.

That seriousness comes through in his management even now.



But, he argued so vehemently against it, wasn't it because he was also that serious?

The reason the last pitch was out, was it the height? The trajectory?



*His fighting
style is
praise-worthy!*



Oh— we
are going to
stay with
the score
card—f

I fly to
the
right
field...





UP! WAAAAAH



OOMIYA RUNS
HOME FROM
THE SECOND
BASE!!
SAIGAKU TURNS
THE SCORE
AROUND!!

THE SECOND
BASE AND THE
RIGHT FIELDER
PREVENT EACH
OTHER FROM
CATCHING IT!!





CAPTAIN

[Last Inning]
Gaiden

MOROYAMA



In the past.....
..... that person was captain.



Unleash your inner
samurai



*It's not like
I became
captain
because
I wanted to...*



*I didn't cut out to be
captain to begin with.
I'm not the type to pull
everyone along. If
I have to say, I'm more
like the one to follow
the crowd, and not
be able to say "no"
when asked to do
something...*

*Even that time,
they made me
pull a straw.
First, when all
straws were
marked...*



A captain
running
errands...

8 years ago—
Saitama Ice-
dang Baseball
Club Captain
Moroyama
Yutaka (18)





The last summer has ended quickly too...



How about going to the beach?

What should I do for the summer break...?

I've enrolled in summer school.



THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT IS JUST STARTING!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



But the opponents in our first match is the first seed Urawa First...



We've been seeded for the lottery so we start in Round 2, so look, this means we can't lose in Round 1...



It's too early to give up! They're high schoolers just like us, so until we say—

Yeah, you really pulled a good lot...











He was the one who
thirsted for victory
stronger than
anyone on the team.
He did not spare any
effort in his greedy
pursuit of it.



He was always at the fore-
front of the team, constantly
being first to undergo any
kind of rigorous training. All in
order to win. His tenacity for
victory got overlooked to
the other warriors as well,
and the team fought as one.



Anyway, what's essential is you.





Someone's
already running?!



What's up
with this all of
a sudden ...?

It's
Ranpaku



*I have no other
option but to do
what I can do with
my utmost ability!!*



*I can't inspire
anyone with
my words.*









Please
cheer for us.

In the prefectural
tournament that
starts tomorrow,
all members as
one will play so
that no regrets
will be left!

Baseball Club Send-off

This year we
will have the
victory we
deserve to!

With this
team...

This is the
first time
we have
such strong
support!











*I can't let
it end like
this!*



*Coach,
please
send me
out!*



*I-I got it,
a pinch
hitter...*



*Every-
one...*



*Show us
your
stubborn-
ness!*

*We leave
this to you,
Captain!*



*Karoyama,
please do
this!*

*That's right.
To me, it
was like
batting
at the
Koshien
ballpark.*

*I forgot
about the
pain in my
leg... It was
the culmina-
tion of my
high school
career...
A once-in-a-
lifetime
showdown...*



And...
I hit...!!





Even though we lost the match, it was the hit of a lifetime...

A batted ball that could reinspire the entire team!

It was a good hit...

Six Chapters



If everyone's feelings become as one, even miracles can happen, that's what I realized at that time.



So you killed their perfect game?

Reckless is Shiro Reckless who became prof?

That's amazing Morosawa-sensei!

The rookie who got into rotation right after high school graduation!



So you've had such glorious missing as well, Morosawa-sen.



I'll do my best too, so that I can get closer to that legendary captain even a little!

Yeah



After I looked
up Matsuno...

Wow, this
is what
happened...

Ex7







The rest of
a lifetime,
huh...

Ah— ah! I just
remembered
that I was captain
Korogane!



It was, it was I
got it, so can you go
buy some snacks?

Korogane Tetsuo (20)
Formerly
Seibei Academy
Baseball Club Leader

But it was
really the rest of
a lifetime...



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